



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mary Ann Dolehanty  
Permit Section Supervisor  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Air Quality Division  
P.O. Box 30260  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7760

Dear Ms. Dolehanty:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality our comments on the draft construction permit for Rio Tinto Eagle Mine LLC. (Permit Number 50-06B). On Thursday, February 21, 2013, my staff held a conference call with your staff to discuss our comments. Below are our comments:

- 1) On page 10 of the draft permit, permit condition IV. 2. states, "The permittee shall pave the plant roadways routinely travelled by production trucks and product haul trucks." The draft permit nor the fact sheet provide an adequate description of what is considered "routinely travelled".
- 2) The draft permit should contain a permit condition requiring the production trucks and product haul trucks on-site to have their loads covered or a dust suppressant applied in order to reduce fugitive dust emissions. The fugitive dust plan, found on page 23, addresses only trucks transporting coarse ore off-site.

We would like to thank you again for working with us in making sure that these issues were resolved in a timely manner. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Constantine Blathras, of my staff, at (312) 886-0671.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve Damico".

Genevieve Damico  
Chief  
Air Permits Section